

**Juvenile Crime Prevention
Council**



154 Government Center Drive
Meeting Room A246
Mocksville, NC 27028
September 12, 2025
12:00 PM

MINUTES

Davie County - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

1. Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Members and Guests

Meeting called to order at 12:12 pm by Cindy Hendricks, County Manager Designee.

Members in attendance: Katie Brewer, Ethan Carter, Jackie Copeland, Benita Finney, Luke Harris, J.D. Hartman, Cindy Hendricks, Marnic Lewis, Hannah Mattingly, Jesse Stroud, Jackie White (proxy for Jennifer Custer & Barbara Owens) and Suzanne Wright.

Staff to council & guests in attendance: Scott Stoker (area consultant), Karen Gordon (JCPC admin), Jessica Lemons & Jovan Miller (Piedmont Mediation), Kelly Lopez- Hernandez (Aspire), Teralyn Cheney (YMCA), Manya Stewart & Lauren Lewis (DHHS)

2. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2025

Jackie Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes. Jesse Stroud seconded, motion carried.

3. Update From Area Consultant Scott Stoker

Scott went over the FY 24-25 Client Tracking Report dated 7/1/2025. Following is that data:

FY 24-25 Client Count/Tracking

Program	Amount estimated to Serve	Youth Served	Youth Admitted FY 24-25	DJJ Referred Youth
Aspire Youth & Families: Kids at Work!	18	27	17	27
Aspire Youth & Families: Restitution/Community Service	20	25	25	25
Davie Sentencing Circles	32	51	43	40
Davie Strengthening Families	5	2	2	2
Davie YMCA-Tutoring	15	23	23	17
TOTAL	90	128	110	111

Scott Shared the FY 24-25 Measurable Objective Report and the F'y 24-25 SPEP Scores (see attached)

****JCPC Announcements:**

-Davie County received all JCPC Programs July 2025 funding Disbursements.

-JCPC Conflict of Interest Form needs to be signed by all JCPC Members annually.

-FY 24-25 Final Accounting is completed (see attached)

-NC-SAFE (Secure All Firearms Effectively) Campaign: DPS has handouts and gunlocks for events.

-Talkspace: NCDHHS Partners with Talkspace to Provide Free Virtual Mental Health Therapy to Teens Involved in or Impacted By the Justice System, more information will be forthcoming.

-TRAININGS

NCJSA Fall Conference, Date: October 29 - 31, 2025, Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport

Scott went over the Client Tracking Report dated 9/5/2025. Following is that data:

FY 25-26 Client Count/Tracking

Program	Amount estimated to Serve	Youth Served	Youth Admitted FY 25-26	DJJ Referred Youth
Aspire Youth & Families: Kids at Work!	17	15	4	12
Aspire Youth & Families: Restitution/Community Service	19	13	7	10
Davie Sentencing Circles	32	26	7	26
Davie Strengthening Families	5	1	0	1
Davie YMCA-Tutoring	15	0	0	0
TOTAL	88	55	18	49

4. Reports from Agencies

a. Truancy Court

The following report from Aubrey Draughn was read by Karen Gordon, JCPC Admin:

JCPC School Social Work Truancy Report 9/12/25

We ended last school (24-25) year with the following truancy #s:

Number of parent truancy petitions filed: 12 Number of juvenile truancy petitions filed: 6

Number of parent cases reviewed in truancy court: 36

We saw a significant decrease in the # of students with more than ten unexcused absences across the district last year. Although we filed fewer charges against parents last year, our data indicates that our efforts are making a positive impact in reducing chronic absenteeism overall.

- The number of Davie High students with 10+ unexcused absences (daily) decreased by nearly 25%.
- The number of elementary students with 10+ unexcused absences decreased by 4%.
- Middle school students with 10+ unexcused absences decreased by 21% compared to the previous school year.

Additionally, our team of 4.5 school social workers (we have 1 part-time, grant-funded social worker) provided **738 resources/referrals to families**, made **2,014 attendance related contacts** to families & made **253 home visits** during the 24-25 school year. All of these interventions support positive school attendance across Davie County.

So far for the 25-26 school year:

We have not filed any parent or juvenile truancy charges yet.

We reviewed 10 parent cases & 1 juvenile truancy case last month in truancy court.

Next truancy court date is Sept 17th 2025. For questions about the data listed above, please contact Aubrey Draughn for more information.

b. Aspire Youth & Family

Report by Kelly Lopez-Hernandez

Kids at Work - Count at beginning of month was 2, Number of Admissions was 5, Successful or satisfactory completions was 2, Ending count was 5. They have served 5 YTD.

Two of the youths successfully completed their training, demonstrating increased maturity and a better understanding of culinary skills. The youths have been focusing on the distinction between reacting and responding during conflict situations, as well as developing skills to prevent conflicts from escalating. They have had opportunities to practice these skills through various activities and group discussions involving controlled conflict topics, allowing them to learn from one another and build confidence in applying these skills in school and the community. Chef Kevin has returned to the class after his shoulder surgery in order to guide the youth in the culinary lessons.

Financial Report: Monthly Expense Rate 4.47%; YTD Expense Rate 11.22%

Vocational Directions - Count at beginning of month was 5, Number of Admissions was 3, Successful or satisfactory completions was 2, Ending count was 2. Communication with parents during the initial intake process has been challenged, as responses and return calls have been limited. Consequently, some open referrals are currently pending, however the court counselors have assisted in connecting with parents. We are actively preparing to expand to four new worksites within September and October to offer a broader range of experiences for the youth: - Davie County Senior Services - Godbey Creek Canine Rescue - Davidson-Davie Community College and YMCA of Davie County.

Financial report - Monthly Expense Rate 4.99%; YTD Expense Rate 7.30%

Aspire is pleased to announce that Kelly Lopez Hernandez is the new District Leader for District 22. Kelly is well versed with the counties needs for youth and will continue to guide the youth through their community service hours. Coach Heather has also been assisting in getting hours completed with youth in Davie County.

c. Childrens Center of Surry

Nobody from Children's Center was in attendance.

The report was emailed after the meeting (see attached)

d. Piedmont Mediation

Javon Miller reported that there were 2 Open, 13 Admitted, and 17 Terminations

Over the summer they continued to serve youth through sentencing circles.

They served 6 youth in the months of June and July. They received a youth at the end of the school year for Truancy from DJJ and before school started. and did a

Truancy circle with him, mom and the school to help him start this year off better.

It has been reported that he is doing better. They also have some youth who have been through a circle and now want to come back and volunteer once they are finished.

Piedmont Mediation is partnering with the YMCA and ASPIRE to help with circles.

e. YMCA of Davie

Teralyn Cheney, Program Coordinator, reported:

Benefits of program:

Bi-weekly activities including Social & Emotional Learning, Games, Tutoring (group & individual), Self Defense, Mentoring, Physical and Social Outlet, Goal Setting, YMCA Membership through Senior year with successful completion, Carowinds Trip at end of the year

-Program Activities - August - no enrollments; September - 2 referrals that will complete orientation first week of September2.

-Juveniles served - Referrals received: 2 - to complete orientation 9/1; Actively attending: 0; Referral space available: 15; Declined participation: 0; No response/diversion plan closed per court counselor: 0

-Percentage of budget spent to date - *slow start with no active participants in August and first week of September.*

Nothing to report. All financial data will be presented in October from start date to current.

-Changes in employees working for the program: Teralyn Cheney - Program Coordinator; Jennifer Miller - Tutor, Teacher with South Davie Middle School; Contract services/Adult Volunteers: Jheri South - Certified DST Life Coach - she will be instructing on positive mindset and thought evaluations. Wayne McNally - Retired Marine - instructing on self defense and a Teen Talk on his life story of growing up in Foster Care. Miguel Viera - former NFL player, current full time ministry. Teen Talk on his life story. Volunteer Peer Mentors - interviews conducted and plan to have at least 2 mentors attend each weekly meeting. Currently have 7 interested with 2 who have started. All Juniors and Seniors attending either Davie High or Early College.

The role of peer mentors: Hype up the activities, provide peer perspective on group discussions, mentor and assist with tutoring, encourage and build self esteem and positive relationships with referred participants.

-Plans and Projections for upcoming month:

September - focus on increasing enrollment with community awareness and meeting with school counselors/social workers. Student Service meeting 9/23
October Suicide Awareness Training - to be sent to Karen to email to the team.

5. New Business

a. Conflict of Interest Forms for 2025-2026 Funding Year

There are still several outstanding Conflict of Interest Forms to be signed by the JCPC Chair. Anybody who hasn't signed theirs was asked to do so.

b. Appoint Committees for 2025-2026 Funding Year

i) Risk and Needs Committee

Jackie White, Luke Harris, Ethan Carter, Hannah Mattingly, and Julie Parker and/or Barbara Owens

ii) Monitoring Committee

Barbara Owens, JD Hartman, Benita Finney, Jesse Stroud, and Suzanne Wright

iii) Funding Committee

Cindy Hendricks, Benita Finney, Julie Parker, Ethan Carter, Barbara Owens, JD Hartman

c. Presentation by Lauren Lewis, Rehabilitation Counselor with Division of Employment & Independence for People with Disabilities, NC Dept. of Human Health and Human Services

Lauren introduced Many M. Stewart who is the rehabilitation counselor in Davie County and explained what they do. (See attached handouts given during the meeting)

d. Discuss and vote on Memorandum of Understanding with Aspire

Kelly Lopez talked about the MOU that Aspire is requesting to be signed by Davie County (as well as Alexander, Davidson, and Iredell counties). They would like to use the vans (purchased predominately with JCPC/DPS funds) between all counties in District 22.

Cindy Hendricks mentioned that she had read the MOU and shared it with Robin West, Assistant Co. Manager/CFO for Davie Co. They have some questions and asked the County Attorney to review it but have not heard back yet. Some of the things reviewed by Scott Stoker during the meeting:

-Aspire has van in all counties that were talking about Davidson, Davie, Alexander, and Iredell and they are asking to use those vans in multiple counties inside District 22 (Alexander, Davie, Davidson, Iredell). Some of these vans were purchased with JCPC Discretionary Funds in FY 24-25, this was approved by the JCPC and BOCC (Davidson and Iredell). The Davie County van the program currently has was transferred from another program.

-When vehicles are purchased with JCPC funds the Title is in the Agencies name and they

provide insurance on the vehicle.

-Since the van was purchased with JCPC funds and if the agency/program is no longer funded by the JCPC in couple of years there is General Statute on how to handle that property purchased with JCPC funds. I have attached the Statute (The codes could have changed), but the language is still the same.

-DPS/Juvenile Justice is allowing programs to use the vans inside the District counties, but with county approval.

JD Hartman made a motion to table voting on the MOU, seconded by Luke Harris. Motion carried.

e. JCPC Meetings for Oct-March will be held at the Julius Suiter Education Center Training Room 75

6. JCPC Council Vacancies

Commissioner Appointee to replace Crystal Robertson

7. Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 - Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 2025. January 9, 2026, March 13, April 17, May 8.

8. Announcements

Cindy Hendricks mentioned that the JCPC bylaws need to be looked at for possible revisions.

9. Adjourn